**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of the Republic of South Africa***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of South Africa and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria congratulates South Africa for its election to the Human Rights Council.

We note with appreciation that the Government achieved positive results in addressing poverty, inequality and unemployment, despite existing obstacles and difficulties.

Bulgaria would like to make the following three recommendations:

1. Take appropriate measures to further strengthen the Human Rights Commission by allocating additional human and financial resources for the fulfilment of its mandate;
2. Continue the implementation of policies aimed at achieving equality between women and men and increase the role of women in political, economic and social spheres;
3. Adopt legislation guaranteeing the right to inclusive education of children with disabilities.

We wish the delegation of South Africa a successful review!

Thank you!